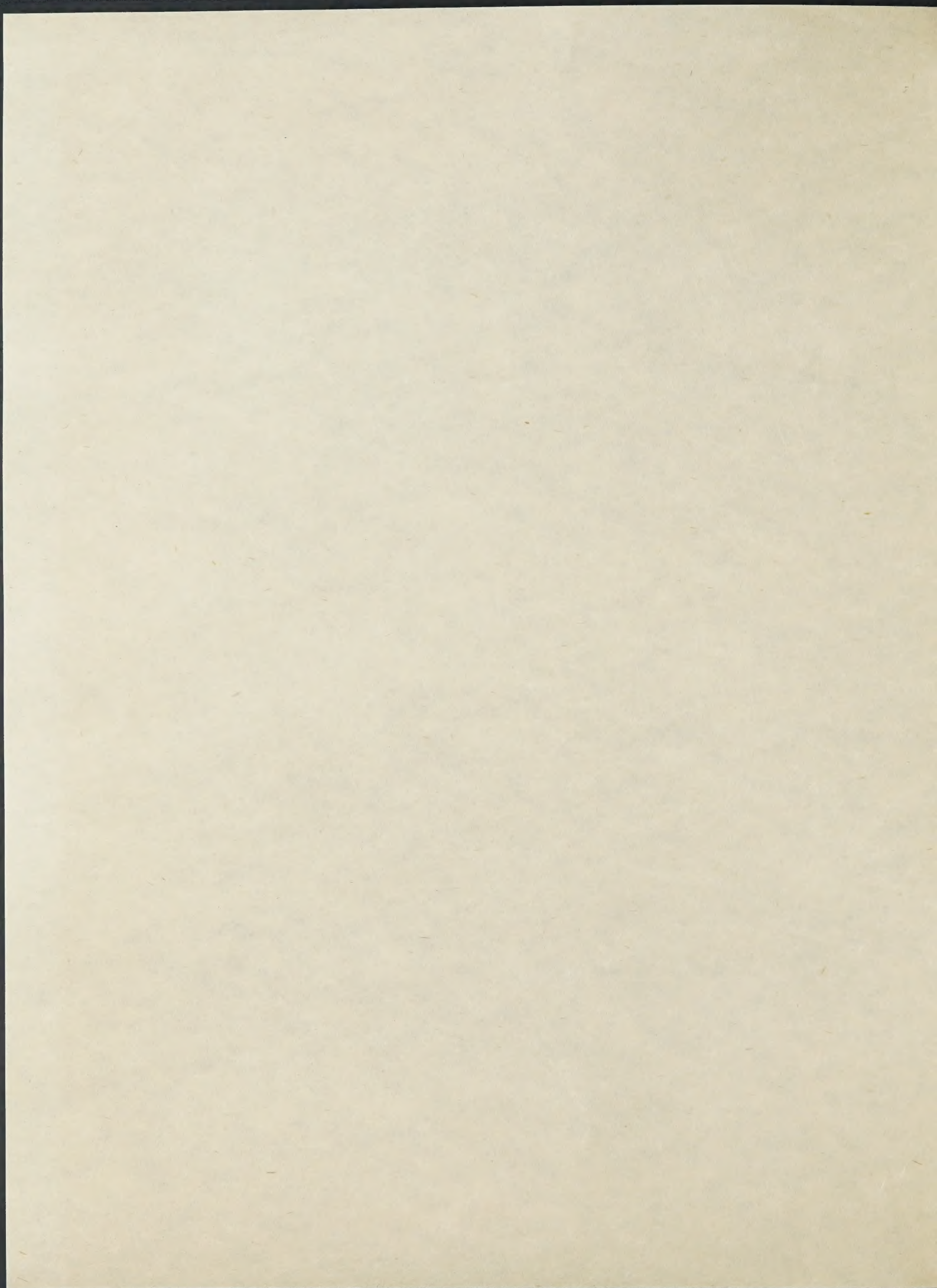


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Surgeon-General Carleton Jones,
Canadian Militia Department,
London, England.

Dear General Jones:

I have been intending for some time to lay before the Militia authorities the question regarding the future of our Hospital, No. 4 Canadian General (University of Toronto). I am glad to see that you are still in control of the medical affairs in London, and I presume that it is right for me to communicate directly with you.

As you are aware our Hospital has been now for a year in Salonica. They went to this difficult place quite willingly and contrary to some rumours that have reached us I have never heard that they objected to undertake the duties that were assigned to them by the War Office, nor did we in Toronto ever regard it as other than an honour that our Hospital was so equipped that they could render good service in such a difficult situation as Salonica. However, they have spent a very arduous year. Last winter was hard upon them, and especially the summer. Do you think that it will be possible to have them brought home in the spring so that it will not be necessary for these men and nurses to go through another summer in Salonica? Perhaps you could find some work for them in England or in France?

Also, may I ask you in making changes in their staff to kindly let us know before you make appointments or changes

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in order that we may submit to ^{you} ~~the~~ new names as substitutes? We have a list of medical men of good standing who are willing to do their share in Salonica or elsewhere. A number of our men now at the front might be very anxious to get home for a short time to look after their affairs, and their places could be supplied by their colleagues from this side. Our desire is that the Hospital shall not lose its complexion by the introduction of those who would be more or less strange to the staff already there.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 30th, 1917

Surgeon General G. L. Foster, C.E.,

D.M.S. Canadians,

86 Strand,

London, England.

Dear Sir:

I understand that the No. 4 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto) is being brought back from Salonica, and that there is a probability of the unit being placed at Easingstoke, Kent. Colonel Hendrie is of course now commanding officer of the unit in Salonica and has given the greatest satisfaction ever since the formation of the Hospital, and we should like very much that in any new arrangements that you make he should not lose the status he now holds.

Surgeon-General Fotheringham informed me that in a conversation that he had with you you expressed the opinion that the unit would be brought to Easingstoke in Kent and that Lt-Colonel Hendrie would be kept in command and that you would find some work for Colonel Roberts either in England or in France in which his great experience could be used in another way so that Lt-Colonel Hendrie would become the commanding officer of the unit. I know that this arrangement would be satisfactory to the officers under Colonel Hendrie, and I am sure that Colonel Roberts deserves any promotion that you may give him.

I shall be glad to have the assurance that the proposed arrangements will be carried out.

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 30th, 1917

Surgeon General Foster,

London, England.

Dear General Foster:

I have to thank you for your letter informing me that our Hospital is to be transferred from Salonica to Fasingstoke as soon as possible, and that you will find other provision for Colonel Roberts and will keep Lt.-Colonel Hendry in command.

Lt.-Colonel Hendry wrote asking that the names of four medical men who would be willing to act on our Hospital in the place of some who have been removed. I would suggest that Major V. E. Henderson, who is at present second in command of the 19th Battalion as a combatant officer, might be transferred to our Hospital. I understand that there is not the same need of senior officers and that he might be relieved. I would also suggest that Captain D. F. Staunton Mishaert at present with the R.A.M.C. 31st Field Ambulance might be transferred to our Hospital, and that Captain John McCollum at present on the staff of the Granville Canadian Special Hospital at Faversham, Kent, be transferred.

Other names of medical men who are now in Toronto but would be willing to go over when called for are: Dr. F. A. Cleland, Dr. Geoffrey Boyd and Dr. Goldie.

Allow me to thank you for your kind congratulations
in regard to the honour that was recently given to me by the
King.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

President.